

Fire Chiefs' & Fire Fighters' Association of York County, Inc.

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2020

CALL TO ORDER (President Chad Deardorff)

President Chad Deardorff called the monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order at 19:00. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Deardorff asked if there were any corrections to last month's minutes. With no corrections, the minutes were approved as issued.

REPORTS

Treasurer (Bob Bowman):

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning balance \$89,668.58 (due to funds being transferred to another CD account) with an ending balance of \$4,847.45. With no comments, President Deardorff approved the report.

Board of Governors (Chad Deardorff – BOG@ycfs.us):

The Board met this evening prior to this meeting.

Fire School Administrator (John Livingston – john@ycfs.us):

Gave the February Fire School Training Report.

Reminded everyone that students registered for classes who are sick should not attend class due to the ongoing COVID-19 threat. Other than that, business will continue as usual.

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center/YCDES (Scott Keener):

Scott introduced the new 9-1-1 Director, Matt Hobson.

Matt introduced himself with his past work experience and his desire to work with everyone.

Kevin Kearns noted that IXP's contract period is near the end and thanked everyone for their input and assistance.

Kelly Piero noted that there will be a second Crew Force trial.

PA State Police (Tpr Sean Simmers – sesimmers@pa.gov):

Not present

ATR (John Sanford - yc.atr@comcast.net):

President Deardorff relayed a text message from John Sanford that the ATR team had 1 call for the month and 4 calls year to date.

OEM (Dan Santoemma):

Requested that requests for materials from PEMA be specific. President Deardorff noted that he forwarded the email to the Association with the request form attached.

Haz-Mat (Ray Kinsey):

Dan Santoemma reported for Ray that the Haz-Mat team had 8 calls for the month; 16 calls for the year.

Also noted that putting leaking diesel tanks is only a temporary measure and the tanks should be offloaded before the truck is moved.

Fire Police (Bud Yoe):

Noted that he sent an email to President Deardorff with a list of companies that he needs information from. President Deardorff noted that he will forward the email and to call Bud if you have any questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Radio/Communications (Joe Madzellan – radio@ycfs.us):

The Fire & EMS Working Group meeting was held last month using a revamped format. Joe noted that he was elected as the Chair of the Committee.

Unit designation requirements were reviewed; approving a request for Station 19 to have a second engine designation.

Requests for unit designation changes from Fawn Grove were discussed with 2 of the changes being approved. Chief Williams will discuss further changes with the group later.

Discussed call for service type for inhalation calls. The subject was tabled due to the upcoming state Emergency Fire Dispatch Protocol changes expected in 6-9 months.

Radio designation forms are being submitted to 9-1-1 that should be submitted to the Fire Chief's Association. Ideas for changes to the process and format will be presented under New Business.

Fawn Grove FD requested a designation for water supply/special unit (formerly Special Unit 56) due to mutual aid calls into Harford County Maryland. Fawn Grove Chief Williams explained the limitations with the York County system, regular engine dispatches, and the special function of that engine. Joe reviewed his ideas for a new special unit designation and asked Kellie Piero for her thoughts. Kellie noted the impact on dispatchers for Auxiliary Unit requests and noted that she will put more thought into the request. Open floor discussion followed. Joe asked if there were any objections to having a small group review Harford's equipment requirements to create a new unit designation.

Fire School Committee (Bob Sells – solver418@gmail.com):

Not present

Rescue Inspection (Tony Clouser/Tony Myers – rescue@ycfs.us):

Thanked companies who have already scheduled 2020 re-inspections.

SOG Committee (Jim Pritchard – sog@ycfs.us)

Not present

Public Safety Policy Board (Chad Deardorff):

Did not attend the last meeting. Matt Hobson reported discussions on how the Working Groups report to the Board and about Matt's first 30-day observations at the 9-1-1- Center.

Kevin Kearns noted that recruiting efforts at the 9-1-1 Center have been improved.

President Deardorff and Scott Keener confirmed that the 717-840-2271 phone number for agencies to contact 9-1-1 will be taken down. The old 717-854-5571 has always been and will remain active.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Madzellan made a motion to create a working group with Association members and the Fire Chiefs from Fawn Grove, Jefferson and Stewartstown FDs to review Harford County's Water Supply Unit specs and to develop Minimum Unit Requirements spec for York County recommendations that can be brought to the Association for discussion next month. At the same time, the 9-1-1 staff will determine how it fits into the current system. Tony Myers seconded the vote and the motion carried.

Joe Madzellan made a motion to allow the Fire & EMS Work Group appointees to modify the forms and flow process for unit designation additions and modifications and bring back to the Association next month. _____ seconded the vote and the motion carried.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Dan Hoff noted that retired Springettsbury Township Fire Chief Joe Barron passed away on Friday, the viewing will be Wednesday evening at Keffer Funeral Home. The funeral Thursday will be closed to family only.

The next meeting will be April 20, 2020 at 19:00 at the Fire School. Anyone who wants to host a meeting should contact Bob Sells.

ADJOURNMENT

President Deardorff adjourned the meeting at 19:33.

Respectfully Recorded from an audio recording,

Robert Sells

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Board Secretary